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LOCAL OIL MAN IS NABBED

Webster W. Bush, Lomita Area Operator, Charged With Fraud

OUT ON BAIL OF \$10,000

Security Oil Syndicate Promotion Causes Arrest by U. S.

Webster W. Bush, well known in the local oil field here as promoter of Security Oil Syndicates Nos. 1 and 2, is under arrest in Long Beach under an indictment charging him with the use of the mails to defraud. He is out under bail of \$10,000, pending arraignment in federal court in Los Angeles.

Bush, the indictment charges, sent through the mails letters containing fraudulent statements concerning the Security Oil Syndicate, which was operating at Signal Hill and in Lomita.

Bush was previously indicted in connection with the promotion of the Square Deal Oil Syndicate, but was acquitted by a jury in Judge Bledsoe's court.

Death Claims Much-Beloved Local Pioneer

Mrs. Emma Guelich Passes Away at the Age of 65

Mrs. Emma Guelich, pioneer resident of Torrance, passed away at her home at 1720 Gramercy avenue Tuesday at 8:30 a. m.

Coming from Newcastle, Pa., 17 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Guelich, with their four children, settled in San Dimas, Calif., and came to Torrance in March of 1914. Mr. Guelich died in Torrance one year ago.

Mrs. Guelich was 65 years old, and lived an active life up until her illness one month ago. Her death resulted from uraemic poisoning.

Having been the first past commander of the Torrance review of the Women's Benefit Association, Mrs. Guelich was re-elected to that office for 1925. She was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, the Torrance Women's Club, and the Past Commanders' Association of the Macca-bees.

A daughter, Mrs. Eva Nelson, trained nurse and X-ray expert of Los Angeles, and three sons—Chester, of Los Angeles, and William and Rex, who resided at the Gramercy avenue home—mourn the loss of this dear mother, together with the host of friends and acquaintances she has made in Torrance. Loved by everyone with whom she came in contact, she will always be remembered as a spreader of sunshine.

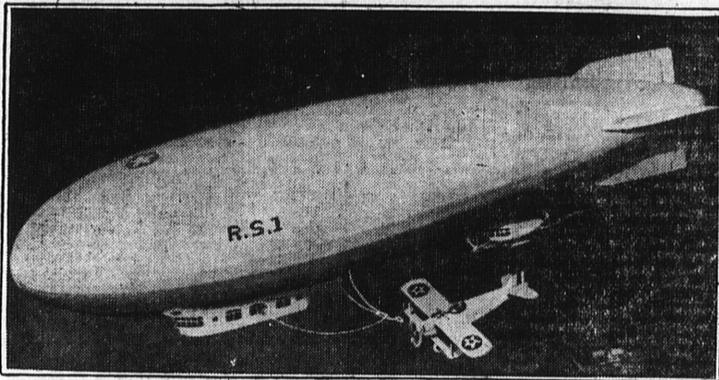
The funeral, in charge of the Ladies of the Macca-bees, was held at 11 a. m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the chapel in Forest Lawn cemetery, with Rev. McLaughlin of the Church of the Four-Square Gospel in Long Beach officiating.

New Expert Joins La Plante's Studio

J. T. Lewis, who has just returned from several years' stay in Honolulu, has been added to the personnel of the La Plante studio and has established a home in Torrance.

Mr. Lewis is an expert photographer and has had wide experience in portrait work.

U. S.-Built Dirigible, 'Mother' to Aeroplane



The designer's drawing, showing how the RS-1 will appear in the air

By Central Press
BELLVILLE, Jan. 16.—The largest semi-rigid dirigible ever built in America, the RS-1, now being assembled at Scott field, near here, carries an airplane which may leave and return to the "mother" at will. This is one of the features of the air liner, which will be used by the army for scouting, aerial photography, training, and experimental work.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company is the builder of the RS-1. The ship is being sent here from the Goodyear plant in Akron piece by piece and assembled.

Italy owns the only other semi-rigid air cruiser in the world as large as the new Akron-made craft. It is the Roma.

The latest addition to the army's lighter-than-air fleet is 282 feet long, 70 1/2 feet in diameter, and has a gas capacity of 719,000 cubic feet of helium.

Power is supplied by four 300-horsepower Liberty motors, housed in two streamlined power cars, suspended from the ship's keel. They are capable of driving the airship at a speed of 70 miles an hour.

The ordinary cruising speed, however, will be around 55 miles an hour.

Under the nose of the great envelope will be hung the control car, 35 feet long and fitted with living quarters and facilities for the officers and crew. It will contain also a specially designed moving picture camera and other air service equipment.

The car, made largely of duralumin, an aluminum alloy, weighs less than the average automobile touring car. The alloy is used extensively throughout the ship, giving it unusual lightness and strength.

The airplane mooring hook is below the navigating cabin of the "mother" ship, and releases an airplane in full flight.

Police claim to have "cleaned out" the last remnant of the once famous Lomita district known as "Whiskey row," when they raided the rooming house at 419 Narbonne avenue Tuesday night, seized eleven bottles of booze labeled as bonded goods, and took three men into custody on charges of possessing liquor.

The raid was conducted by Constable Taber and Deputy Morris of Lomita, Chief of Police Patterson and Officers Phillips and Young of Torrance.

E. S. McCartney, aged 33, Joe Deviney, aged 37, and J. B. Sullivan, aged 53, were arrested. All three pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter. McCartney's bail was set at \$1200, while the furnished in cash. Deviney furnished cash bail of \$500, and Sullivan in the Torrance jail, being unable to supply \$500 bail. McCartney's preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 20.

Seize "Imported Booze", Nab Three in Raid on "Whiskey Row" House

The private detective allowed "Arkansas" to go into a nearby rooming house to change his clothes. The detective engaged bystanders in conversation. When he re-entered the house to find "Arkansas," that individual had disappeared.

Prior to the raid of the McCartney rooming house police in Torrance noticed a man peering into the Torrance police station. Recognized as R. A. White, frequently seen about the house which the officers were about to raid, he was taken into custody and charged with vagrancy. Police declare that they believe he was sent to Torrance to ascertain whether a raid was in prospect.

Police believe that plans of the raid had "leaked out," through some channel. White is held for \$500 bail. His preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 20.

The woman's Episcopal Guild met at the home of Mrs. Collins for an all-day meeting and election of officers.

There was a good attendance, and the elections resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Collins; vice-president, Mrs. George Welch; secretary, Mrs. W. T. Klusman; treasurer, Mrs. George Evans.

Start Grading For Pavement Of Alleys Here

The big job of grading the alleys preparatory to paving the alleys in the business district started Tuesday. The contractor is employing Torrance labor almost entirely, except on jobs at which experts are required.

Basketball Season Opens Here Friday

The Bay District Basketball League plays its first game on Friday, Jan. 16. The four Torrance teams are in good form and are hopeful of winning the championship. The teams from the Belmont high school played with Torrance on the Torrance grounds Tuesday afternoon. The Torrance team was defeated by the Belmont boys, but the lightweights ran the score high for Torrance.

Torrance Welch Quietly Wedded On December 20

Torrance Welch, president of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and Miss Maude Hammond of Los Angeles were quietly married in Los Angeles were quietly married in Los Angeles were quietly married in Los Angeles.

Miss Hammond is a graduate of Wellesley College.

Mr. Welch, nephew of Mrs. J. S. Torrance and brother of Brian K. Welch, is one of the donors of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

26 Join Public Speaking Class

Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, the first meeting of the adult public speaking class was held in the small auditorium of the high school. There were 26 present, and a promise of several more, who will join at the next meeting.

Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the majority hotel, and the instructor, Miss Alta B. Hall, kindly consented to shift the meeting night of one of her Long Beach classes to accommodate the Torrance people. Everyone present was very enthusiastic, and the class promises to be a live one.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p. m.

BELL ASKS PLAY FOR KIDDIES

Principal Tells P.-T.A. Necessity of Recreation Facilities Here

PAPER ON 'CHILD'S PLAY'

Mrs. George Wheaton Reads Article on Activities for Youths

William M. Bell, principal of the Torrance elementary school, speaking at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, urged on the organization the need for more playgrounds for children. Mr. Bell pointed out that in this country some money is spent to eliminate cholera suffered by hogs than is spent in preventing children's diseases. He stressed the importance of recreational facilities from the standpoint of morals and health.

Miss Soddy's room won the prize for having the most mothers at the meeting of the P.-T.A. Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Sapp announced that a hot dish would be served every Thursday for 5 cents, and asked for volunteers to help Mrs. Reeve with the work.

Mrs. Sapp also spoke of the Child Welfare Magazine and stated that she would give an address of the publisher to anyone wishing it.

John Mullin, on behalf of A6 room, thanked the P.-T.A. for the gift of the books won in the membership drive.

That all children in the school benefited by this drive was shown when the president announced that the brick candy boxes that the children received at Christmas were purchased by the P.-T.A.

Electric Sign Is Ready to Go Up

The big electric sign which will be erected at East road and Main street, pointing the way to Torrance, has arrived. It will be erected as soon as the posts are installed at the intersection. The sign is one of the finest of its type in the Southland.

Delay Transfer Of Rural Route From Torrance

Transfer of Torrance R. F. D. No. 1 to Lomita will be effective Feb. 16 instead of Jan. 16, as was originally announced.

This change was ordered in special executive instructions received by Postmaster Charles Smith of Lomita and Alfred Gourdier of Torrance.

What prompted the change in the plans of the department at Washington was not stated in the order.

Observations

Actors to Sell Lots—Our Foolish Elector System; Coolidge Against Special Session—Nurni's Training—Eternal Youth? No!—Thieves and Half-Wits

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

MIAMI reators, spurred to action by this winter's influx of moneyed tourists, are offering all sorts of attractions for visitors at their subdivisions.

One land enthusiast engaged Gilda Gray, known on a couple of continents as the "shimmy-queen," to dance each night at their property.

Across the way another company, not to be outdone, engaged William Jennings Bryan to speak each evening on the wonders of Florida real estate values.

It would be interesting to know which of these crowd-pullers attracts the greatest throng. And whether Bryan's oratory or Gilda's weird dancing sells the more lots. And whether either attraction was worth the amount expended by the reators.

Business proceeds along unusual lines these days. Wise salesmen know that a certain percentage of people attracted to a given place can be sold something or other, and the more people present the more sales will be made.

Hence barbecues and aeroplane stunting at Southern California subdivisions.

Senator Borah declares that a special session is necessary for the enactment of farm relief legislation.

It was stated at the White House officially for the President, that he believes Congress has plenty of time between now and March 4 to enact all emergency legislation.

The President is right. He knows, as everyone else knows, that the Congress, forgetting politics and pork and getting seriously down to the business of legislating, could clear the decks before March 4.

It is apparent that most congressmen and senators desire a special session. With this desire in mind one may look for some pretty big blusters along about the latter part of February and the first of March.

For those who wish to return to Washington for a gathering extraordinary believe, probably, that by obstructing necessary legislation they will force the President's hand and make him accede to their wishes for a special session.

By flatly declaring himself against a special session and asserting that Congress has plenty of time left in which to enact all necessary legislation, President Coolidge assumes the offensive. And in so doing he strikes a popular chord.

PAAVO NURMI, the surprising Finn, is the greatest long-distance runner in the world. He won three events at the Olympic games in one day. Recently he broke two world's records at Madison Square Garden in one night.

Before becoming a runner Nurni was a paperhanger. Once he decided to try his speed on the track he set about the business seriously. His chief training stunt was a 50-mile running and walking jaunt. Nurni thought it worth while to be a good runner. And once he made up his mind to become a great runner he trained with all his energies. He trained as no other man has ever trained, so that when he actually went to the track he knew that he would be able to run at the very zenith of his physical endurance.

By long training he brought himself to perfection. Nurni chose running. Other men choose other goals to strive for. Nurni gave his aspirations the utmost that was in him. All other men do not.

WILL OPEN WESTERN FEB. 21

Parade From Hollywood to San Pedro Is Scheduled

BARBECUE FOR 25,000

Celebration Will Advertise Advantages of Wholse Harbor District

The opening of Western avenue through the Palos Verdes hills will be celebrated with a grand pageant and barbecue. It has been announced by the Greater Citizens Publicity Committee of One Hundred organized for purposes of advertising the harbor district all over the United States.

The program will start on Feb. 13 with broadcasting from Station KXN, and end on Feb. 23 with a barbecue for 25,000 persons in the Palos Verdes hills.

On Feb. 21 a grand pageant, headed by movie stars, will move down Western avenue from Hollywood, passing through Torrance and Lomita on the way to San Pedro. A big celebration will be held at San Pedro after the arrival of the pageant. Boys Workman will be chairman. Rev. Thomas Grice of San Pedro will deliver the main address.

Big Song Festival
On Feb. 22 there will be a community song festival in the Palos Verdes hills, led by Paul Kerckhoff.

Communities and cities along the route of the pageant will be decorated for the occasion and civic bodies in every community and city in the harbor district will be asked to co-operate with the general committee.

Chambers of Commerce officials of cities in this district agree that the pageant, barbecue and community song service will be of untold value in bringing home to the people of the Southland the advantages of the great district between Los Angeles and the harbor.

The executive committee, which heads 46 other committees, has its headquarters at the Anderson Memorial building in San Pedro. The executive committee is composed of the following: W. H. Savage, chairman; Rev. Martin Luther Thomas, Arthur Judisch, J. L. Townsend; Charles F. Johnson, secretary and director of publicity.

Hold Torrance Man as Result Of Auto Crash

Allen Greenburg Arrested as Woman Injured at Redondo Beach

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rowe of Rural Route No. 1, Azusa, Calif., while driving through Redondo Beach Saturday afternoon were struck by a Dodge truck and Mrs. Rowe was seriously injured.

Allan L. Greenburg, proprietor of the fruit and vegetable stand in the San Seelick market in Torrance, was driving his Dodge truck down the Garnet street hill at an alleged speed of 35 miles an hour and, unable to stop on such a steep grade, he crashed into the Ford sedan driven by Mr. Rowe.

Mrs. Rowe was taken unconscious to the Hermosa-Redondo hospital, and remained unconscious three days, and it is now feared that she has a clot on the brain. Mr. Rowe escaped with a few scratches and bruises.

The case was investigated by Chief Henry and Officer Gardner, and after the hearing of witnesses Mr. Greenburg was placed in the city jail, charged with reckless driving, and held without bail. He was released, however, on Tuesday, after a hearing before Judge Miller, who set his bail at \$1000.

The case is set for early next week at the city hall at Redondo.

DINTY MOORE SUPPER
The ladies of the Episcopal church will give a Dinty Moore supper next Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Rotarian hall. It will be a real Jiggs meal, so come and bring the family.